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MOTORISTS SCORE FAULTY CONDITION OF MAIN D. C. ROADS

**Find Thoroughfares Leading
to Maryland Unrepaired
and Dangerous.**

Complaints are being heard on all sides regarding the atrocious condition of the main streets and roads leading from the District to the Maryland state line. Motorists are at a loss to understand the cause for the delay, with over two months of workable weather gone by, in either repairing or resurfacing these arteries of traffic.

Perhaps the most flagrant examples of the District's neglect of its much traveled roads is Connecticut ave-

The run out Connecticut avenue to Chevy Chase Circle is now accomplished at the risk of a broken neck. The traffic of this road is of unbelievable size have been allowed to become larger and larger, through lack of attention, until the unwary motorist is almost sure to encounter trouble on a run which is for the most part through a highly developed section of the District.

particular stretch of road, and arrive at Chevy Chase Circle, frequently take the route through Rock Creek Park, but conditions there have become so bad of late that it is a toss-up which road to take.

The Bladensburg road, which is the most direct route to Hyattsville and Baltimore, compares favorably with Connecticut avenue in its state of deterioration. Deep ruts, ribbed stretches, and chuck holes figured

to wonder whether or not he will arrive at his destination without having a good part of his vehicle shaken off and strewn along the roadside.

Ten Mile Speed Limit.

It is stated that it is impossible to drive at a speed in excess of ten miles an hour on this road.

Another thoroughfare which should demand immediate attention is 16th street northwest from Kennedy street to Alaska avenue, and the Maryland

It is stated to be now under partial repair. This section of 16th street which has only recently been cut through, is in a very bad condition. It has been open to the public for a period of only seven months, and why it should have given completely away after such short service, is a question mystifying to the motorists of this city.

filled up with large pieces of stone and with no flattening process. Consequently the stones being loose, automobiles with mobile wheels in passing over throw them in every direction.

One motorist reports a broken headlight glass and another a smashed windshield in front of a motor, the result of a stone being thrown out from the wheels of other automobiles.

These accidents, and the broken springs and axles constitute the average casualties of the District motorist whenever he wished to take a short drive in the limits of Washington.

Other roads which are in urgent need of repair are: Michigan avenue

land and Langdon, and to its intersection with the Queen's Chapel road, Pennsylvania avenue southeast leading to the Upper Marlboro road, and Rhode Island avenue northeast, a small portion of which has only recently been paved.

Massachusetts avenue from S Street northwest to its intersection with Wisconsin avenue is in bad shape, and likewise Wisconsin avenue out through Tenleytown to the Maryland line.

Night Driving Dangerous.

danger of motorizing is the night driving on these roads without sufficient light. The District regulations prohibit the use of headlights on streets which are lighted. Now, as a matter of fact, according to the majority of motorists, it is almost criminally reckless to attempt to traverse these roads without the use of headlights. The illumination is not sufficient to enable the motorist to pick out the good places in the road, and conse-

quently at why animals are so frequently dropped into a hole which would probably seriously damage his car. The greatest caution is necessary even in the best of times, but conditions are a hundred-fold worse at night without the use of the proper lights.

The streets and avenues committee of the Washington Board of Trade, T. Janney Brown, chairman, has taken cognizance of the condition of these roads and has made recommendations for their immediate improvement. The

committee states, the construction of that the roads are constructed of water-borne macadam, which is not durable enough to support the large amount of heavy traffic.

Its recommendation in this respect follows:

"That the District Commissioners urge upon Congress legislation providing for the connecting of main highways of the District with those of Maryland with a roadbed at least as permanent and desirable in con-

This condition is strongly reminiscent of the small country town passed through on tour. A beautiful state road leads up to the town and out of it, but in the town itself the roads are kept in such bad condition that driving faster than a walk will wreck the car.

It appears now as if there was no road out of the District over which the motorist can travel with any de-

condition that all agree should be speedily rectified.

FRENCH IN RETREAT AND MAY QUIT CILICIA

NEW YORK, May 7.—The French have retreated from Cilicia and may entirely evacuate northern Syria, according to a dispatch received here.

today by the near east relief from Dr. James L. Barton, its representative in Constantinople.

Hadjin, which has been besieged by Turkish forces for more than a month, now is defended only by Armenian troops, the dispatch added. The Armenians are defending Aintab against assaults which began May 1, and all the French have retreated from the city excepting a small force left to guard college buildings. Many resi-

ORDERS BARBERS' SUPPLY ASSOCIATION DISSOLVED

anti-trust act, was ordered dissolved today by Federal Judge Augustus Hand.